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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on September 7, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5025 (Iden) Liquor; other; membership on the wine and grape council; expand.

SB 671 (Hansen) Liquor; other; membership on and duties of the wine and grape council; expand.

HB 5025 (H-2) was adopted on September 7, 2016.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to adopt HB 5025 (H-3).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to report HB 5025 (H-3) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

SB 671 (H-1) was adopted on September 7, 2016.

Representative Cole made a motion to report SB 671 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Rick Wyble, representing the Michigan Craft Distillers Association, indicated support for HB 5025 and SB 671.

Matt Blakely and Gordon Wenk, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), indicated a neutral position on HB 5025 and SB 671.

Brett Visner, representing the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, indicated support for HB 5025 (H-3) and SB 671 (H-1).

Bret Marr, representing Bells Brewery, indicated support for HB 5025 and SB 671.

Reca Holley, representing Representative Iden, indicated support for HB 5025.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5889 (Lauwers)	Sales tax; exemptions; exemption for certain agricultural equipment; clarify.
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HB 5890 (Lauwers)	Use tax; exemptions; exemption for certain agricultural equipment; clarify.
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Representative Johnson made a motion to adopt HB 5889 (H-2).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Rendon made a motion to adopt HB 5890 (H-2).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

At 10:45 a.m., Representative Cole assumed the Chair.

Chair Lauwers reviewed the provisions of HB 5889 and HB 5890 with the Committee.

Laura Bourgois, representing T&W Construction, spoke to the Committee in support of the bills.

The Chair resumed his seat at 10:55 a.m.

Howard Ryan and Dave Matelski, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, answered questions and indicated a neutral position on the bills.

Scott Everett, representing the Michigan Land Improvement Contractors, indicated support for HB 5889 and HB 5990.

Justin Clement, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, indicated support for the bills.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, indicated support for the bills.

Representative Whiteford made a motion to report HB 5889 (H-2) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Cole made a motion to report HB 5990 (H-2) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:15 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538